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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DeLoach*

DATE: March 29, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*SUBJECT: HONORABLE JOHN H. ROUSSELOT  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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By letter dated March 24, 1961, Congressman Rousselot advised the Director that he had been receiving many inquiries from his constituents concerning the John Birch Society. He listed seven sample questions that he gets from these individuals and asked if Mr. Hoover could furnish him any information to aid him in satisfying the people he represents.

Mr. Rousselot is the Republican Representative for the 25th District of California and he is serving his first term. There are no references in Bufiles that are identifiable with him. He is a native of Los Angeles and a graduate of the Principia College, Elmhurst, Illinois, where he majored in political science and business administration. He previously served as Director of Public Relations, Pacific Finance Corporation of Los Angeles and held the same position with the Federal Housing Administration in Washington. He was also Deputy to the Chairman, Board of Equalization of the State of California.

In the interest of cultivating future relations with Congressman Rousselot, it is felt we should consider acknowledging his first letter personally.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that someone from your office personally contact Congressman John H. Rousselot, acknowledge receipt of his correspondence, explain the ~~functions~~ and the jurisdiction of the FBI to him and advise him that the John Birch Society was founded in December, 1958, in Indianapolis, Indiana, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., of Belmont, Massachusetts; is incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts; is allegedly anticommunist; has chapters throughout the country; has not been investigated by the FBI; and that Welch and the Society in the past have been bitterly critical of former President Eisenhower.

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Enclosed are the original and 6 copies of a  
letterhead memorandum setting forth information furnished  
by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a highly confidential and sensitive  
source who has furnished reliable information in the past

Information in enclosed letterhead memorandum relates  
that [REDACTED] NYC  
informed [REDACTED] (Bufile 105-15576; NY file 105-3214),  
[REDACTED] that he was preparing material concerning the  
John Birch Society. According to [REDACTED] advised  
[REDACTED] that this material should be prepared in some detail

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been contacted to be  
alert for information on any material prepared by [REDACTED]  
concerning the John Birch Society. Such information will be  
forwarded to the Bureau in communication appropriate for  
dissemination.

This letterhead memorandum is classified "~~Confidential~~"  
in view of the sensitive nature of the source.

Information from [REDACTED] if used in a report must  
be carefully paraphrased to protect the source. Under no  
circumstances should any unauthorized persons become aware we  
have knowledge of the above information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

May 19, 1961

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According to source, [redacted] informed his  
superiors that he is preparing an article concerning the  
John Birch Society and that [redacted] was advised by his  
superiors to prepare this article in detail. X

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# Memo. *Callahan*

TO : The Director

DATE: *MAY 12, 1961*

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A3337-A3338. Congressman Rousselot, (R) California, submitted two articles [redacted] which appeared in the Los Angeles Herald-Express. [redacted] comments on Communist Party members in America stating "But when a traitor takes an oath of allegiance to the Reds while on our soil—he is just one more reason why we all ought to get behind Glendale Congressman H. Allen Smith's bill to make membership in the Soviet's fifth column here a major felony. The right idea. Smith, a former member of the FBI, is one of our smartest and most astute members of the Capitol Hill set." Mr. Smith was employed with the Bureau as an Agent from December 2, 1935, to November 3, 1942. [redacted] discusses the actions of the John Birch Society, stating "I am not a member of the JBS but I dislike seeing it given slanted 'hit-and-run' treatment."

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# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: *MAY 10, 1961*

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 7084-7085. Senator Javits, (R) New York, requested to have printed in the Record a statement on the John Birch Society by the board of directors of Freedom House. It is pointed out in the statement "Freedom House does not believe that the John Birch Society is fighting communism or that it is in any sense conservative. Those who join the society should be under no such delusions. They are serving the cause of destruction and chaos, which is a requisite for a successful Communist advance. ----- Catching Communist spies is a job for professionals; casting suspicion on the FBI and the CIA only makes the job harder and gives Communists a better chance to do their work. ----- Let us hope that those in the John Birch Society who are well-intentioned will see the light before suffering further public humiliation at the hands of their self-appointed leaders."

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# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 7, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A5180-A5181. Senator Metcalf, (D) Montana, requested to be printed in the Record a letter directed to the editor of the Great Falls (Montana) Tribune [redacted] concerning the John Birch Society. [redacted] states "Memorial memo to members of the John Birch Society: There are more witch-hunters than witches. - - - There are things we can do right here in Montana. As a first step let's forbid hunting in our state to such notorious poachers as the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the House Un-American Activities Committee. - - - As a second step, let's organize a local arm of government roughly like the Fish and Game Commission, one dedicated to the proposition that our witching grounds shall satisfy our hunters. Matter of fact, maybe the John Birch Society is serving just that purpose." A file check on [redacted] was negative.

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# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 3, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A2995-A2996. Congressman Michel, (R) Illinois; submitted an editorial written by Paul Harvey entitled "No More Organizations Needed." Mr. Harvey comments on the joining of organizations and makes reference to the John Birch Society. Mr. Harvey states "It seems to me we do not need more letterheads, more organizations, more contemporary prophets to do our thinking for us. - - - Genuinely patriotic Americans should be militant enough to be willing to do it the hard way. The uphill way. Not by running off and creating some new club of their own, but by recapturing the old ones. - - - The PTA, according to FBI Director Hoover, has been and is a top target for Red infiltration and contamination. Let's recapture that."

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS 80-NEW 2P

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CONTACTED THIS DATE AND WAS ADVISED PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

IS REPORTEDLY ACTIVE IN JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INDIANAPOLIS, TO EXTENT OF HOLDING MEETINGS IN HER HOME

WHEREIN NEW MEMBERS ARE RECRUITED. STATED WEEK

BEFORE LAST SHE AND HUSBAND ATTENDED DINNER PARTY AT

WALLINGFORD, PA., HOME OF SA ROBERT E. MASTERS OF

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE, A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF

HERSELF AND HUSBAND. NO OTHER PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE.

AFTER DISCUSSION WITH SHE STATED SHE REGRETTED

WRITING BUREAU CONCERNING THIS MATTER AS SHE NOW RELIZES

SA MASTERS WAS ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE TREND OF

CONVERSATION. SHE STATED SHE WAS STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST

AFTER ATTENDING A QUOTE CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNIST SEMINAR

END QUOTE HELD IN INDIANAPOLIS DURING FALL OF

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SIXTY AND FELT EVERYONE SHOULD BE AS EMPHATICALLY ANTI-COMMUNIST AS SHE IS. SHE NOW UNDERSTANDS THE REASON FOR FBI AGENTS NOT DISCUSSING COMMUNISM OR SUBVERSIVE MATTERS UNOFFICIALLY. [REDACTED] WAS VERY HIGH IN HER PRAISE OF DIRECTOR AND FBI.

[REDACTED] FURTHER STATED SHE NOW REALIZES WHAT APPEARED TO HER TO BE EMPLOYEE-S LACK OF KNOWLEDGE AND CONCERN OVER COMMUNISM WAS RATHER HIS RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS COMMUNISM WITH HER SOCIALLY. SHE STATED SHE HAD FELT EVERYONE SHOULD SPEAK OUT AGAINST COMMUNISM AT ALL TIMES AND AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. [REDACTED] STATED SHE APPRECIATED FBI TALKING WITH HER AND REQUESTED THAT AS SA MASTERS WAS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND, HE NOT BE MADE AWARE OF HER STATEMENTS IN HER LETTER WHICH SHE STATES WAS HURRIEDLY WRITTEN AND WHICH SHE NOW RECOGNIZES WERE NOT ACCURATE. NO FURTHER ACTION.

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6/2/61 O. Dwyer  
Thoughts on the John Birch Society

"Communist influences are now in almost complete control of our Federal Government."

"When an elected government succeeds in attracting an overwhelming majority behind it for any length of time, its mob instincts make it the most tyrannical of all forms of social organization."

"I am proposing the formation of The John Birch Society.... under completely authoritative control at all levels.... We mean business every step of the way."

"We are out to get a million members truly dedicated to the things in which we believe."

"Future history is always determined by minorities who really know what they want."

These are scattered quotations from the writings of a man named Robert Welch, who lives in Massachusetts, and who two years ago organized a semi-secret group called the John Birch Society. It appears to have grown rather rapidly in size, spread and influence throughout the country.

It is hard to say exactly how large the society is now, for the group is vague in speaking about the size of its membership. However, in August of last year, the Boston Herald reported as saying that the society then had organizations in some twenty states, with about twenty-five chapters in the Boston area alone. He went on to say that membership is strongest in Tennessee, Texas, and Southern California. The Herald guessed that membership must have been then "in the low hundreds of thousands."

We here in Santa Barbara seem to be in a fairly unique position to observe the work of the John Birchers, for it apparently is more open here. We are recognized around the country as being one of its seats of power, so much so indeed that two national magazines have asked two of our local writers to do articles on the society.

We ought, I think, to try to understand the movement as well as we can, for it is hard at work in our community, pressing our acts and thoughts in the direction the Society feels it ought to move. This is one reason I thought I would like to discuss the John Birch Society today. A second is that, having done two sermons recently about the House Committee on Un-American Activities, it seemed to me fitting to conclude the series with another on this related phenomenon. The Birch group represents, I think, the most extreme form of the violently anti-Communist school of thought, somewhat farther over to the right than the other champions of the House Committee.

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Since this is the third sermon on this rather cheerless and negative topic, I think I ought to apologize for my persistence in it. I promise not to continue with it of the same for the remaining Sundays of the year. It just seemed to me that the matter has been uppermost in almost all our minds these past few weeks, and that discussion of it now might be especially appropriate and timely. If you are beginning to be bored with the whole thing, don't hesitate to nap now and then during the sermon.

At any rate, to develop some acquaintance with the outlook of the Birch Society, let's consider a book written by Welch called "The Politician." The Blue Book (the Society's Bible, the well-spring of its inspiration) can be had easily enough.

the society's bookshops, but it is almost impossible to find a copy of "The Politician" now. It was distributed only to top leaders in the movement. However, the Milwaukee Journal gave some quotes from it in an article last July.

In the book, Welch charged that Presidents Roosevelt and Truman were extensively used by the Communists, Mr. Truman knowingly so. Then, on page 268, Welch made an observation that has caused his society considerable embarrassment. He said that "in my opinion, the Communists have one of their own actually in the presidency. For this third man, Eisenhower, there is only one possible word to describe his purpose and motive. That word is treason."

Birch group leaders in Wisconsin had copies of "The Politician", and when questioned would not disavow its contents. One leader, when asked directly if he really thought Mr. Eisenhower was a Communist, replied, "I only know that if he is not he might as well be... The results of his administration are the same." Later on he contradicted himself somewhat when he added that "I don't think Eisenhower is bright enough to be permitted to be one of the party."

This sentiment was echoed by Welch himself, when questioned by the Boston Herald last August. When asked if he thought Ike was a Communist, Welch replied in some confusion: "I never felt that way enough to say it in print. Now I don't know what to think. Eisenhower may be too dumb to be a Communist." This suspicion of Mr. Eisenhower's loyalty also appears in the Blue Book, where, on page sixty-five, Welch begins to discuss "the millions who either are, or pretend to be, non-Communist," among whom you find what he calls "the amoral man," one of the greatest dangers to our survival. The paragraph concludes with an only slightly veiled allusion to Mr. Eisenhower, when Welch says that "an amoral man, as the head of a great so-called Republic, may have no slightest scruples or concern about its fate or the fate of other nations, in the face of Communist conquest and of the cruel tyranny of their rule. And," Mr. Welch adds, "any similarity of characters in this story to any living persons is not coincidental." In short, the Birch Society leader concludes here, that whether or not Mr. Eisenhower is a Communist, he is at best an amoral man, unconcerned about the spread of Communist influence. Welch doesn't say exactly that Ike is a Communist, but on the other hand he cannot affirm that Ike is not a Communist. This, incidentally, is a fairly typical example of Welch's logic.

Another outstanding example cropped up in this month's issue of the Birch Society Bulletin. Under the heading, "Agenda for the Month," you find yourself engulfed in these muddy waters. "Our major demand on your time and energy," the article begins, "is still in support of the MOVEMENT TO IMPEACH EARL WARREN." Mr. Welch points out that in the campaign last summer to have the summit meeting called off, the Society "put a total of some six hundred thousand pieces of mail into the effort." This, he thought, was a good showing, and helped save America from further steps of surrender. Now, he goes on, we are asking you to send a barrage of letters to your congressmen urging the impeachment of Chief Justice Warren.

Welch confessed that there has been some opposition to this movement. He cites as an example the syndicated column of George Sokolsky, which on January 14th charged that the Movement to impeach Warren was nonsense. Mr. Welch found this quite hard to take, for he had always regarded Sokolsky as a friend: did he not stand all the way with Joe McCarthy? Nevertheless, while Sokolsky may think the Warren movement nonsense, Welch just bet that Earl Warren won't think so by the time the movement is over.

Sokolsky is quoted as saying that "no matter what can be said of Earl Warren, it cannot be said... that he has been subversive." Surely, comments Mr. Welch, Sokolsky can't be "as innocent or ignorant as he sounds." Welch said he carefully avoided accusing Warren of subversion or treason. "We thought -- and still do -- that

the development of any such charges was unnecessary and would merely complicate what is basically a very simple issue of misbehavior in office." Besides, he adds, plenty of well-informed people have labelled the Warren Court subversive -- the Legislature of the State of Georgia, for example.

Furthermore, "Communist influences are now in almost complete control of our Federal Government." If we are going to stop them, there must be a showdown. "What better time, or place, or issue could we have than the impeachment of Earl Warren?... Warren's decisions and actions, however he may have sugarcoated his own purposes for his own conscience, have definitely become a most important part of the whole advancing Communist front." By working to impeach Warren, we can meet the Communist influences behind him head on.

Hence, Chief Justice Warren both is and is not a Communist. He may not exactly be a Communist, but by stepping him we can stop Communism. Welch shows real genius at this shifty logical technique. So racy is his rhetoric that he can, at the same time, affirm that a statement is both true and untrue.

Now you may be inclined to think, on the basis of the examples I have so far given of Welch's work, that the man is so completely irrational as to be absurd and harmless, that his charges are so wild and baseless as to be beneath our notice. This, in fact, was my own feeling until this past week, when I spent a good deal of time poring over the Birch Society's literature. I will confess that I was deeply impressed -- and disturbed. When you hear Welch's charges out of context, as you have heard them here, their absurdity is plain enough; but when you come upon them in the publications of the society, surrounded and supported by Welch's rich, flowing language and ideas, their absurdity is well concealed.

The man is a marvellously gifted demagogue, a natural speaker and writer with, I think, a strong lust for power and leadership; and he is convinced that it is his mission to save the world from the ravages of Communism. He will go to any lengths to achieve this mission. He openly confesses that he will even use the very methods of the Communists to defeat them. No means business.

The Blue Book, the Bible of the society, written from cover to cover by Welch, is a masterpiece of its kind. "I read the whole thing last week, and found it fascinating. Indeed, although I am as rational as the rest of you, I found myself carried away by the thing. Now and again, overpowered by its force and feeling. It's not the lunatic fringe type of literature, but a piece of first class demagoguery. The man is clearly a genius in his chosen field, a force not to be trifled with. There is just enough truth, just enough logic, and more than enough poetry and power in his arguments to bewilder millions of uncritical readers. You have to work hard to escape being trapped in the writhing coils of his logic, hypnotized by the magic of his flowing language. I came within an ace of becoming a John Birch myself. Well, it wasn't really that close, but I could feel the pull and the appeal of this strange man's message, could empathize with those who can't help seeing it to be the saving truth about the nature of things.

In addition, there is another factor apart from the magic of Robert Welch that lends power to the movement. One thing we ought to be entirely clear about is that both Welch and his people are genuinely afraid. They are driven by an almost wild fear of a persistent and pervasive sort. Because of the peculiar nature of their understanding of what it means to be an American, everywhere they look in our society they see subversives at work. Everywhere they look they see signs of an incredibly devious subversion. Even the President of the United States, even the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is not above suspicion. The only thing they can really place their trust in is the John Birch Society itself. Everywhere else there is treachery -- in the highest places. Communists are on every hand, disguised, lurking

just like anybody else, like a friend or a brother or a teacher.

It is their understanding of Americanism that twists the perceptions of the society's members so seriously, I think. It is the key to an understanding of their philosophy. Welch outlines this powerfully in the early sections of the Blue Book.

Perhaps his most fundamental premise is that democracy has nothing to do with the real essence of Americanism. It is, he says, not democracy that made America great, that defines her nature. Indeed, it is not the form of a government that matters, but its quality. In reality, what led to America's greatness was the fact that in the early years of its development it had so little, so weak a government. That government is best which governs least. This is the important quality.

However, as our country grew in size and wealth, the government began to intervene in more and more areas of the nation's life, and as it did so it moved inevitably down the road toward collectivism and communism. Hence, as Welch and his people see the world, every act of the federal government carries with it the menacing threat of Communism. When the government forced integration in the south, this was clearly Communism at work. Or consider the Social Security system -- obviously Communist. Likewise the income tax. Such a view makes it easy for Welch to say in the introduction to the Blue Book: "The Communists are much further advanced and more deeply entrenched than is realized by even most serious students of the danger among anti-Communists."

Democracy has nothing to do with the real essence of Americanism. Accept this fundamental premise, and the rest of the Birch-type logic follows nicely. Now this premise may seem absurd to you, but as a matter of fact it reflects the deep feelings of a great many of our people. They can't seem to escape feeling that there is something un-American about the ideals of equality and freedom, something dangerous and destructive. Anybody who talks much about them is suspect. Anybody who insists upon them is a radical. Robert Welch, in his genius, got hold of something big here. He managed to articulate, in vigorous language, the dumb feelings of large numbers of our people.

Democracy has nothing to do with Americanism. This is the mainwring that drives the John Birch Society. It is what makes the society so tragically, so fearfully un-American. It is what makes it at least as serious a menace to our way of life as the Communist Party itself.

Consider Welch's answer to what he sees as our country's gravest problems. In section four of the Blue Book, he sets out to answer the question, what can be done to meet the frightening spread of Communism in America? First, he points out that the threat is not so much military as political and educational. Then he poses a striking hypothetical possibility. Suppose, he says, that I was chosen to be the savior, the "man on the white horse," and suppose I had plenty of resources and over a million dedicated supporters; and suppose I could coordinate this mass of material into a force as positive and efficient as the Communist machine; and suppose, even though I was recognized as undisputed leader of this dedicated organization, that I had the advice and help of an executive council made up of the ablest anti-Communists in the country. If all this were so, what would I then do to fight Communism?

Set up reading rooms all over the country stocked with carefully selected anti-Communist literature: the selection "would of course have to be tightly controlled from headquarters." Then I would expand the circulation of conservative magazines such as "American Opinion" and "National Review" and the "Dan Smoot Report." I would increase the radio audience of speakers like Fulton Lewis and Clarence Manion and others of their sort. I would instigate massive letter-writing campaigns to in-

influence government and private agencies, both local and national. I would organize dozens of front organizations, one after the other, such as the Committee of One Million which has helped a great deal in keeping Red China out of the UN; another possibility here is A Petition to Impeach Earl Warren, or the Organization for the Repeal of the Income Tax, or the Committee to Investigate Communist Influences at Vassar College. Then I would set about making Americans aware of subversion by exposing Communists. (How would I know who to expose? Well, there wouldn't be time or money to do a complete research job on every suspect, but enough material could be gathered to make a good guess in any case. The charges could be levelled in our magazines, and if done often and forcefully, would create wonder and doubt in the entire population. To be sure, these are drastic steps, but "this is no cream-puff war we are in." It's not "a pillow fight." We could expect to get a lot of sneering in return, and "a lot of nuisance libel suits;" but even this would help, for it would mean further publicity).

Then I would "line up a large list of speakers" who would talk to small audiences on strong anti-Communist topics; and I would set up a list of churches, PTA's, and the like for speaking engagements. They are always looking for speakers. Finally, I would use political action to reverse the trend of America toward Communism, I would "move in on the elections," and get our kind of men in office.

This was the program that Welch proposed to a group of eleven business men who met at his request in Indianapolis on December 9, 1958. This is the program that is now in operation all over the country. This is the work of the John Birch Society.

"I am not suggesting any ephemeral organization of loose ties and uncertain loyalties," Welch said at the first meeting. "The John Birch Society is to be a monolithic body." A republican form of organization or government "lends itself too readily to infiltration, distortion and disruption.... Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud.... The John Birch Society will operate under completely authoritative control at all levels.... We mean business every step of the way." I have a sensitive and accurate nose for smelling out Communists. I will locate them. The society will not be frustrated by indecision in this area. Those who join the society will do so "primarily because they believe in me and what I am doing and are willing to accept my leadership."

Consequently, Welch concluded in the Blue Book, you must either join the John Birch Society, and give freely of yourself to it, or in a few years you will be "devoting all to the maintenance of a Communist slave state."

Finally, on page 169 of the Blue Book there comes this dreadfully sinister example of Welch's logical squirming, the kind that allows him to say that a statement is both true and not true. He says passionately that although the Birch Society is not really starting a revolution, "yet our determination to overthrow an entrenched tyranny is the very stuff out of which revolutions are made."

All this, I think, suggests that the John Birch Society is an unmistakable menace to America. It is frankly, even blatantly anti-democratic. Such movements crop up from time to time in the best of countries, for they seem somehow to have a profound appeal to the blacker side of our human nature. It's a great pity. It means that good men must turn themselves to the task of containing the eruption. But human nature is not perfect. It will, I fear, continue to break out in boils like this occasionally for a long time to come. When this happens, it is important that we rise quickly to check the infection.

We will, I suppose, have to depend upon our law enforcement agencies and our rage-



vines and newspapers to carry the main burden of meeting the menace of the Birch Society. I hope they will be alert. I hope they will watch closely for the first overt steps toward action. Still, we must remember that even people like Robert Welch have civil rights here. He is free to speak, even to speak his un-American message; but his ambitions apparently have created in him a vision far beyond merely speaking. He dreams of something that is and is not revolution. Our officials must watch for the first signs of it.

Meanwhile, we private citizens also have a job to do. There are no doubt many good, earnest people in the John Birch Society. We may well find that some of our friends and acquaintances are among them. This is awkward. It poses an ethical question. How shall we respond to them? Shall we order them out of our homes, cut ourselves off from them? I think not. I think it is important, though it will be trying, to keep the lines of communication open between us.

We ought to try not to hate them, be disgusted with them, shout and snarl at them, for this will only drive them deeper into their relation with the group, for there they will find acceptance and confirmation.

We ought to be as patient as we can, realizing that the people are doing what they feel they must do. They are as much to be pitied as censured. They are terribly frightened. Everywhere they look they see Communists. They don't know whom to trust, whom to depend on.

Don't condemn them. Don't threaten them. Let them talk about their views. Question them closely. Sometimes just hearing their own words spoken in the presence of someone who is calm and rational will help them to feel their absurdity.

Be patient. Be firm. This too will pass, if we are alert and watchful.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: May 8, 1961

FROM : Mr. DeLoach

SUBJECT:

INFORMANT

NEW YORK

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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 Parsons ☒  
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 Belmont ☒  
 Callahan ☒  
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On [redacted] who is friendly and well known to my office, called and talked to Kemper. He said that [redacted] had secured a television show on the John Birch Society. He said that the film was made

[redacted] He stated that [redacted] all sorts of charges were made saying that the Governor of California was a communist as well as the Attorney General.

Further, the [redacted] know all about this and that the FBI is "in on this." It also states that Director Hoover was "on our side."

[redacted] said that he felt that under no circumstances would the Director endorse any organization let alone the John Birch Society. Kemper told [redacted] this was correct; that we don't endorse or even give implied endorsement to any organization. [redacted] said that he had a copy of the Director's introduction to the April issue, Law Enforcement Bulletin concerning vigilantes and related operations and that he plans to use an excerpt from it.

[redacted] program will be shown on [redacted] on [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

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That we monitor this program.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/10/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 3/21/61, [redacted] Attorney, Canadian, Texas, advised SA [redacted] that he attended a meeting on February 20, 1961, of the COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM. He said the organization was in favor of impeachment of Chief Justice WARREN and quoted the American Bar Association as favoring such action. He said this made him mad since he felt the organization was misquoting some remarks of American Bar Association members. He said this organization, he has determined, is the local outlet for the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, which he considers Fascist and un-American. He said GENERAL JERRY LEE had spoken the other night to the group and the anti-communist film was shown which tended to prove that it was really the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

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[redacted] advised the organization is composed of numerous Canadian residents of the highest character, but he felt the methods of the group were wrong since this is a free country.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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ack 5-15-61  
C JH: *[Handwritten initials]*  
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Major Chapman Grant, U. S. Army (Retired)

ATTENTION: SAC, SAN DIEGO:

There are enclosed two copies of correspondent's letter. There are also enclosed two copies of a letter to the Editor from [redacted] and two copies of a letter to Major Grant from [redacted] dated [redacted] which correspondent enclosed with his letter.

[redacted] appears to be identical with one [redacted] who was a security informant of the New York Office in 1941 and for two years prior thereto. He was a Communist Party member in the New York area from [redacted] to [redacted]. He is described as a former Communist Party member who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past. (San Diego file [redacted])

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[redacted] appears to be identical with [redacted] SAC contact, San Diego Division.

(San Diego file 80-192-Sub 1)

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Bufiles reveal that by letter dated 4-15-51 [redacted] forwarded some literature he had received from the Harvard Research Center in Creative Altruism which he felt showed "another subversive boring into the morality of college students by advocating free love."

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

The letter to the Editor from [redacted] which correspondent enclosed had pen written notations that it was from the [redacted]

[redacted] The theme of this letter and that from the [redacted] to Grant [redacted] is that attacks on the American way of life whether by communists or in the published writings of Robert Welch, Jr., Founder of the John Birch Society, should be fought.

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Major Chapman Grant, U. S. Army (Retired)

NOTE ON YELLOW FROM PAGE TWO:

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anitcommunist organization with chapters throughout the country. It has not been investigated by the Bureau. In the past it has been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower. (62-104401)

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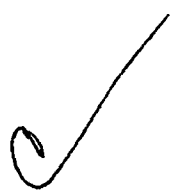
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[redacted] is the [redacted]  
[redacted] of the Union Title Insurance and Trust Company, San Diego, California. [redacted] San Diego Chapter, Association of the U. S. Army. He is wealthy, has traveled extensively in Mexico, and during World War II did a great deal of undercover work for the U. S. Army. He has been approached on several occasions for assistance in obtaining intelligence information of interest to the San Diego Office, especially in Mexico, and was always willing to assist. (94-47695)

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/12/61

ATTN: CRIME RECORDS

FROM : SAC, Little Rock (100-3396)

SUBJECT:

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ReLRlet dated 1/27/61 captioned "The John Birch Society, IS."

Today, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Little Rock Office and advised he had received from the Bureau an 8-page reprint of an article by the Director captioned "Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA." He requested 100 additional copies of this article, but if this office felt that this was an excessive amount for him to request, he would be satisfied with 10 or 20 of these reprints.

[redacted] was advised the Little Rock Office did not have a supply of this reprint, whereupon he asked that his request be submitted to the Bureau.

[redacted] address is [redacted]  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 5/22/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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On 5/19/61, MR. HARRY MC CORMICK, reporter, Dallas Morning News, telephoned and advised SA W. HARLAN BROWN that he had determined from an informant he declined to name that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Dallas is currently trying to get some members into the Communist Party in Dallas in order to determine the identity of the CP members in this area. It is the idea of those in the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in Dallas to personally harass each CP member they can identify, one example being that society members plan to put sugar in the gas tanks of automobiles belonging to CP members. MC CORMICK stated that recently the Dallas Morning News had published articles on the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, which information was principally supplied by [redacted] [redacted] for the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, who is connected with the NORMALEE DRESS SHOPS in Dallas. MC CORMICK also identified [redacted] and [redacted] who are employed by [redacted] as being members of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

The aforementioned is being submitted to the Bureau for information, it being noted that Dallas informants have not reported any applications for admittance into the CP in this area during recent weeks.

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*Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 5/23/61

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (100-5739)

SUBJECT:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)EX-114  
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Re Bureau letter to El Paso dated 4/27/61.

[redacted] confidential  
source - security, Midland, Texas, was contacted [redacted]  
and [redacted] by SA WILLIAM B. AHDERS at which time  
information was obtained concerning captioned organization.

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[redacted] advised that based upon contact with  
friends of hers who are either members of the JOHN BIRCH  
SOCIETY or who have friends of the organization, she believes  
that the Society has close to twenty groups in Midland.  
Each group has from ten to twenty members.

The different groups are composed of people from  
all walks of life. The organization has among its membership,  
doctors, lawyers, housewives, etc. [redacted] advised  
that based upon conversations with her friends, the bulk of  
the membership are interested in this Society because they  
have been alerted to the dangers of Communism and this is  
the first concrete thing that has come along to give them  
an outlet for their emotions and feelings.

[redacted] advised that in her opinion the  
members whom she knows are all good solid Americans. There  
are just a few who are radical in their thinking and want  
to take some action such as a move to impeach Chief Justice  
WARREN.

The organization in Midland has its membership  
to a great extent composed of members of the political party

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known as the Constitution Party. It is her opinion that the Constitution Party is using the group as an excuse to keep its membership and followers together. The members have taken an active interest in local elections in Midland and Odessa and have shown some criticism of the manner in which the schools are operated. They have put up persons to run for the school board.

[ ] also advised that she believes that there are probably twenty groups in Odessa. Mayor CLARK of that city recently was quoted in the Odessa paper where he spoke in glowing terms of the purposes and actions of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. Recent adverse publicity of the organization has caused some members to re-evaluate and for some to drop out entirely.

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There is also indication that the cities of Fort Stockton, Pecos and Monahans, Texas, all have some members in the Society.

No further inquiry will be made in this matter, UACB.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5-18-61

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (100-25282)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
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Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	
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Cleveland, personally appeared at the Cleveland Office on 5-17-61 to advise that he had attended a recruiting meeting of the John Birch Society at the Hotel Manger on the evening of 5-16-61.

[redacted] commented that he was impressed by what he had seen and heard at the meeting, especially the concern of the Society regarding the public's apathy as to the threat of Communism. Principally of interest to [redacted] was the information to the effect that Burrows, one of Cleveland's leading book stores, does not have for sale the Director's book "Masters of Deceit" and it was felt by the Society that it could all be part of a conspiracy to keep the Director's book from the public.

[redacted] advised that it was his intention to join the John Birch Society. He was informed that the FBI could neither approve or disapprove his proposed action and any association between himself and the Society would have to be at his own discretion and in accordance with his own best judgment.

Enclosed herewith is a clipping from the Cleveland Plain Dealer May 17, 1961, reporting the meeting referred to by [redacted]

cc'd to [redacted]  
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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 22, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: 

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RICHARDSON, TEXAS

REQUEST FOR BUREAU REPRINTS BY MAY 17

By letter dated 5-11-61, received in the Division 5-16-61,  congratulated the Director on his 37th Anniversary and also requested 150 copies of a Bureau reprint to be distributed at a "patriotic meeting" in Dallas on May 17. Mr. Tolson inquired as to why a telegram was not sent on 5-16-61. This matter was handled by SA Hobson H. Adcock, who has submitted the following explanation:

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By communication dated 3-23-61, SAC, Dallas advised that a woman who had attended a meeting of the John Birch Society in Texas at which  had shown "Communism on the Map," reported that she considered the group subversive and she furnished a list of those in attendance. We have had no previous correspondence with

For the following reasons it was decided not to send correspondent a wire advising him that the reprints he requested were not available:

1.  has been favorably disposed toward the John Birch Society in the past and, therefore, it is not illogical to assume that the "patriotic meeting" of May 17 was also under the auspices of the John Birch Society. SAC Letter 61-14 dated 3-21-61 classifies the John Birch Society as an irresponsible organization attempting to capitalize on the FBI's prestige. It states that no Bureau publications of any kind are to be made available to this Society or to any of its representatives. It is further noted that  has been instrumental in showing the film strip, "Communism on the Map" which is not the type of information that should be even indirectly endorsed by the FBI through permitting the distribution of our reprints at its screening.
2. It is obvious from correspondent's letter that he was merely using the Director's 37th Anniversary as a vehicle in order to obtain favorable consideration for his request for reprints and it is not inconceivable that members of  group are aware that it is impossible to obtain Bureau reprints through normal requests.
3. It was presumptuous of  to set so short a deadline for furnishing reprints.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach

Re: [redacted]

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4. Due consideration was given the incoming letter and it was decided to acknowledge the congratulations and, because of the background of [redacted] to decline to send reprints for possible use in connection with a John Birch Society meeting. Accordingly, to accomplish these two objectives, it was judged a letter would be the best means of communication.

In summary, this matter was handled as it was because it appeared obvious that [redacted] was trying to exploit the Director's 37th Anniversary to gain his own ends. [redacted] activities in the past in showing "Communism on the Map" and his being affiliated with the John Birch Society further strengthened the belief that no special consideration should be shown either his request or his congratulatory message.

The note on the yellow setting forth [redacted] affiliation with the John Birch Society and "Communism on the Map" was intended to reflect why this correspondence was handled as it was. Hereafter, we shall try to be more specific as to why we are handling a letter in a certain manner.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Date: 5/16/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, WFO (100-38767)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

This is to advise that [redacted] b6  
 [redacted] Special Investigations Squad, MPD, has advised b7C  
 WFO that he has received information that ROBERT WELCH,  
 founder of subject organization, will appear on "Meet the  
 Press" on 5/21/61. The program will be televised at 6:00 p.m.  
 on WRC TV, Channel 4.

Above for Bureau's information.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 19, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages A3509-A3511, and A3512-3512. Congressman Roncoslot,

(R) California, extended his remarks to include a series of five articles which

appeared in the Whittier (California) Daily News relating to the John Birch Society. Mr. Roncoslot stated "This newspaper, the Daily News, is to be commended for basing the articles on facts which many news media have ignored in reporting on the society." It is pointed out in one of the articles "For those who may still be dubious and state that they are unconvinced that an organization like the John Birch Society is necessary. It should be pointed out that there are a number of good reports and books available which will convince even the most skeptical of individuals. These are all well documented. They are: 1. 'The Blue Book of the John Birch Society.' - - - 2. 'Masters of Deceit,' J. Edgar Hoover. - - - 10. 'Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality,' J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington 25, D. C. - - -"

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MAY 18, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

Original filed in: 66-1731-1961

## Office Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 17, 1961

FROM : *CMB* [redacted] (62-new) b7DSUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFO CONCERNING

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For the information of the Bureau, it is pointed out that [redacted] a confidential source of this office, contacted the [redacted] on [redacted] and advised that at approximately 6:00 a.m. on [redacted] two very intoxicated American citizens appeared at [redacted] and made complaints alleging Communist activity on the part of an American citizen, [redacted] who resides in Houston, Texas.

[redacted] stated the two complainants were so intoxicated they should have been booked for drunkenness but because they were Americans and appeared to have a legitimate complaint, even though drunk, they were not booked and the duty officer talked to them and suggested they return to their hotel.

Another [redacted] officer interviewed the two complainants later on in the day when they were in a more sober condition. The two complainants were identified as:

Name:  
Date of Birth:  
Residence:

[redacted]

Houston 25, Texas

U. S. Passport #:

[redacted]

Name:  
Date of Birth:  
Residence:

[redacted]

Houston 25, Texas

[redacted] stated the officer interviewing [redacted] and [redacted] advised that both individuals stated they were members of the John Birch Society, that [redacted] joined thirty days ago and that [redacted] has been a member since the organization's inception.

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Apparently both [ ] and [ ] are travelling on an organized tour with [ ] and others and during the night of [ ] consumed large quantities of alcohol with [ ] and made various amorous advances to her which were refused. [ ] was obviously able to outdrink both [ ] and [ ] and it appears that their complaint and arrival at [ ] at 6:00 a.m. was more in spite than anything else. However, both individuals insisted she is a Communist but can give no evidence to support their allegation.

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The interviewing police officer asked them if they had reported this activity to the [ ] and they replied that the individuals in the [ ] were so Communist-ridden that they would not dare approach the [ ] and stated that this Communism in Government was responsible for the Cuban situation and under no circumstances did they feel that they could take their problem to the [ ]

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[ ] advised that the individuals arrived in [ ] on an organized tour under the auspices of the American Express Company and are scheduled to leave [ ] The tour is to continue until the end of May and they will return to [ ] on approximately May 29.

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There is no record of [ ] or the complainants in the indices of this office and this matter is being brought to the Bureau's attention for information.

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1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SAC, El Paso (100-5739)

May 29, 1961

Director, FBI (62-104401)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet 4/27/61.

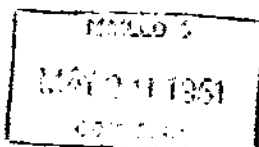
Review of Bufile fails to disclose receipt of a reply to reBulet. In the event a reply has been submitted advise by return mail date and caption thereof. In the event the information has not been furnished advise when it will be furnished and thereafter expedite the submission of same. This matter should be handled promptly.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 22, 1961

FROM : SAC, Denver (62-1623)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On May 5, 1961, [redacted]

[redacted] volunteered information that one [redacted]

Casper, had just returned from Arizona where he attended a training school for "Coordinators of the John Birch Society."

On May 10, 1961, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Resident Agent at Casper requesting information as to where he could obtain the Director's book "Masters of Deceit." [redacted] was advised that copies of the book could be purchased at the local bookstore in Casper.

[redacted] then advised that he was organizing a study and discussion group regarding Communism and intended to use the book "Masters of Deceit" as the "Bible" for this group. [redacted] volunteered that although he had read the John Birch Blue Book, he was not a member of the John Birch Society. He advised he had recently returned from Phoenix, Arizona, where his sister had informed him that the John Birch Society had induced 400 Texaco credit card holders to return their credit cards to the Texas Company because that Society considered [redacted] sponsored by the Texaco Company, to be too "socialistic."

The May 15, 1961, issue of the "Casper Tribune-Herald" contains an article reflecting that plans were under-way to form an anti-Communist study forum and that the group

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would use the Director's book "Masters of Deceit" and tape recordings made of lectures at "the anti-Communist school in Texas." Those interested in taking part in the group were urged to call [redacted]

In view of the fact that [redacted] will be connected with the John Birch Society, the above is being furnished for the Bureau's information and extreme caution will be exercised should [redacted] recontact the FBI for any information or material.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/2/61

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FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-12314)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
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The following is submitted to the Bureau for its information:

The Minneapolis Morning Tribune, a daily newspaper published in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25, 1961, reports that there are 15 chapters of the John Birch Society in the State of North Dakota.

This same paper in its issue of May 21, 1961, reports that a John Birch Society chapter was in the process of being organized in Bloomington, Minnesota. Whether this chapter's organizational work is finalized has not been reported and it is the only potential chapter known to this office in the State of Minnesota.

The Minneapolis Division has conducted no investigation concerning this society and ~~as~~ is indicated, this is for information only.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 6/2/61

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (100-5739)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReBulet 5/29/61.

By letter dated 5/23/61, El Paso under caption of Bureau letter replied to Bulet of 4/29/61. If it has not been received at the Bureau we will reproduce it and forward copies.

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1 - El Paso

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/2/61

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-9548)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFO CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

On [redacted] advised SA JOHN A. MUNN [redacted] a letter dated May 29, 1961, from [redacted] aka. [redacted] the law firm of Norwood and Norwood, Attorneys at Law, 108 Stokes Building, Greenville, S. C., phone CEDAR 51661, P. O. Box 2029, and pertinent portions of the letter are as follows:

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"Mr. ROBERT WELCH, founder of The John Birch Society, will be a guest of [redacted] at an informal dinner at The Poinsett Club in Greenville on Monday evening, June 12th at 7 o'clock.

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[redacted] would be happy to have you attend this dinner [redacted]

"Mr. WELCH will speak to us on the world situation with respect to communism and will explain the methods and purposes of The John Birch Society. His speech, which will last for approximately two hours, will start about 8:30 P. M. Applications for membership in The John Birch Society will be available after Mr. WELCH's speech, but no implied obligation to join the Society will accompany your acceptance of this invitation. We expect to have present approximately fifty gentlemen, industrial, financial and educational leaders in the Piedmont Section of South Carolina"....

[redacted] stated he was confidentially furnishing foregoing information to this office, and he did not desire that his name be revealed to any agency outside the Bureau as the source of information in this matter.

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Above submitted for information of Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: May 31, 1961

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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On 4/12/61 Mr. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, by routing slip referred to Assistant Director [ ] a letter he had received from [ ] Massachusetts, dated [ ] Mr. O'Donnell advised he was sending it for our information only and not for us to take any action.

In his letter [ ] related that one [ ] immigrated to the United States from Germany; obtained the position of [ ] Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society (JBS); alleged Welch hired [ ] because he thought she was a Nazi and, therefore, took her into his confidence; and [ ] left Welch's employment because she despised his alleged Nazi-type activities. According to [ ] allegedly furnished an "incredible history, purposes and activities of the Welch organization" to an agent of Army Intelligence who made a tape recording of the interview.

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning [ ] or [ ]

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Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont captioned as above dated 4/14/61 recommended that for our information and consideration we should secure through Liaison the tape recording of the [ ] interview made by the Army in order that we can determine exactly what allegations have been made by [ ]

It was determined that the tape recording was not available but Army has furnished us with a copy of the typed report of this interview. This interview was conducted on [ ] at which time [ ] Massachusetts, and was employed as [ ] She stated that shortly after her arrival in the United States from her native Germany in [ ] she visited the German Consulate in Boston in an effort to gain assistance in obtaining employment in Boston. At the Consulate [ ]

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1 - Mr. Parsons

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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Memo to Mr. Belmont  
Re: John Birch Society  
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she spoke with a [redacted] and after outlining her considerable journalistic experience [redacted] suggested she contact Welch. She contacted Welch and after a brief discussion during which he ascertained her clerical experience and satisfied himself she was not a communist she was assigned to employment in the office of the JBS. According to [redacted] Welch opined, concerning her attitude toward communism, that all Germans are still Nazis at heart and, therefore, anticommunist. According to [redacted] she spent approximately [redacted] in this office half of which time was spent reading material published by Welch by way of indoctrination into the office and the remainder of the time she spent in doing [redacted] (It is noted that nowhere during the interview does she state that she did other than [redacted] or that she held the position of [redacted] in his letter.)

The majority of the information furnished by [redacted] during the interview related to the general set up of the office and the identities of the various personnel employed in the office and what their general duties were. Most of the information furnished by her regarding JBS was of a general nature concerning the Society and Welch. According to her most of her time until she quit [redacted] of Welch and the Society. She stated she quit her position because "of a distaste for the type of work being conducted by him (Welch), which seemed to be strikingly similar to the activities of Hitler prior to his rise to power." She did state, however, that Welch maintained extensive files on leading political, military and business leaders of the world and that the material for these files was made up mainly from material contained in newspapers and various publications. She stated that typical selections under the section dealing with "communists" were the names of U.S. Senator John Kennedy, General George C. Marshall, former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt as well as members of the U.S. Supreme Court and the American Bar Association. b6 b7C

RECOMMENDATION:

Despite the fact that O'Donnell in furnishing us with [redacted] letter stated he was furnishing it to us for our information; did not want us to take any action concerning it; and did not desire an acknowledgment of his referral, it is believed we should furnish O'Donnell the attached letter setting out the fact that we have received a transcript of the interview of [redacted] and a brief summary of the interview.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*  
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UNITED STATES

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 24, 1961

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: INQUIRY REGARDING JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY  
FROM CONGRESSMAN TOM V. MOOREHEAD

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By letter dated May 19, 1961, Mr. Tom V. Moorehead, Representative to Congress of the Fifteenth District of Ohio, wrote to the Director stating one of his constituents had recently written him for information concerning the John Birch Society (JBS). The constituent stated the John Birch Society had the Director's approval and he requested to know whether any Federal pamphlets were available concerning the Society.

We have been replying to such inquiries by pointing out the following: "In connection with your inquiry, may I point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In light of the foregoing, I can assure you that I have made no comment concerning the group you mentioned nor has any representative of this Bureau."

BACKGROUND:

Tom V. Moorehead is a Republican Representative of the Fifteenth District of Ohio. He was formerly Mayor of Zanesville, Ohio, and served in that State's Senate. He was formerly active in the real estate and insurance business in Zanesville for more than 25 years and was elected to the 87th Congress 11-8-60. Bufiles contain nothing derogatory concerning Moorehead.

RECOMMENDATION:

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CORRESPONDENCE

That someone in your office contact Mr. Moorehead and advise him of our position relative to the inquiries of his constituent concerning the John Birch Society.

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1 - Mr. Parsons  
1 - Mr. Evans  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

June 1, 1961

BY COURIER SERVICE

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

On April 12, 1961, you forwarded to Assistant  
Director [redacted] a letter you received from  
[redacted] Massachusetts,  
dated March 27, 1961. [redacted] letter referred to a  
[redacted] who had formerly been employed by  
Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, and an  
interview of [redacted] by "an agent of Army Intelligence."

I thought you would be interested to know that  
this Bureau has secured a transcript of the interview of  
[redacted] by an agent of the Office of the Assistant  
Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army,  
Boston, Massachusetts. The interview was conducted on  
[redacted] at which time [redacted] resided at  
[redacted] and was employed  
as [redacted]

[redacted] advised she was employed by Welch  
shortly after her arrival in the United States from her  
native Germany [redacted] She was assigned to [redacted]  
[redacted] of the Society and to [redacted]  
[redacted] of Welch and the Society. She quit her  
position in [redacted] because "of a distaste for the  
type of work being conducted by him (Welch), which seemed to  
be strikingly similar to the activities of Hitler prior to  
his rise to power."

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell

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Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memo Baumgardner to Belmont dated 5/31/61 captioned "John Birch Society, Information Concerning, (Internal Security)" JHK:mar.

UNITED STATES

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 11, 1961

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 7213-7214. Congressman Roussetot, (R) California, submitted two articles written by [redacted] concerning the John Birch Society, which appeared in the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner. Mr. Roussetot stated "it is refreshing to find a newspaper reporter who will look into the facts before writing about the John Birch Society." [redacted] pointed out "I think the most important thing about the John Birch Society lies not in the personality of its founder--who likely needs a good public relations director like crazy--but in the fact that it is dedicated to the overthrow of communism and the protection of constitutional Government in the Republic of the United States. We can afford to overlook some faults of these dedicated anti-Communists on that account."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MAY 10, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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